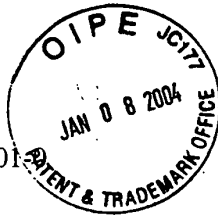


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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